

S.R. 145 - by Lombardino: Memorial resolution for Mrs. Charlotte Osborn Barrett.

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

S.R. 143 - by Clower: Extending welcome to John McCartt.

S.R. 144 - by Clower: Extending welcome to Rev. Earl Little.

S.R. 146 - by Ogg: Extending welcome to Northbrook High School Government classes.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Senator Aikin the Senate at 12:10 o'clock p.m. adjourned until 10:30 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

SIXTEENTH DAY

(Wednesday, February 9, 1977)

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present: Adams, Aikin, Andujar, Braecklein, Brooks, Clower, Creighton, Doggett, Farabee, Hance, Harris, Jones of Harris, Jones of Taylor, Kothmann, Lombardino, Longoria, Mauzy, McKnight, Meier, Mengden, Moore, Ogg, Parker, Patman, Santiesteban, Schwartz, Sherman, Snelson, Traeger, Truan, Williams.

A quorum was announced present.

Father Richard E. McCabe, St. Theresa Catholic Church, Austin, offered the invocation as follows:

(From 14th Century Inscription Chester Cathedral)

Give me a good digestion, Lord
And also something to digest
Give me healthy body, Lord
And the sense to keep it at its best
Give me a healthy mind, O Lord
To keep the good and pure in sight
Which seeing sin is not appalled
But finds a way to set it right
Give me a mind that is not bored
That does not whimper, whine
or sigh:
Don't let me worry overmuch
About that funny thing called "I"

Give me a sense of humor, Lord
Give me the grace to see a joke
To get some happiness in life
And pass it on to other folk. Amen.

On motion of Senator Aikin and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senator Adams submitted the following report for the Committee on Administration:

S.B. 102 (Ordered not printed)
S.C.R. 25 (Ordered not printed)
H.B. 450
S.B. 486

Senator Mauzy submitted the following report for the Committee on Education:

S.B. 313
S.B. 283

Senator Snelson submitted the following report for the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations:

S.B. 73
S.B. 189
S.B. 338 (Amended)

Senator Aikin submitted the following report for the Committee on Finance:

S.B. 458

Senator Schwartz submitted the following report for the Committee on Jurisprudence:

S.B. 192
C.S.S.B. 150 (Read first time)
S.B. 108 (Amended)

SENATE BILLS AND RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING

The following bills and resolution were introduced, read first time and referred to the Committee indicated:

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| S.B. 542 by Williams | Intergovernmental Relations |
| Relating to prohibition of the sale and use of fireworks in certain counties; amending Chapter 498, Acts of the 55th Legislature, Regular Session, 1957, as amended (Article 9205, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), by adding Section 2A. | |

S.B. 543 by Traeger

State Affairs

Amending Chapter 75, Acts of the Regular Session of the 50th Legislature, as amended, (Article 6243h, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, establishing and governing the Texas Municipal Retirement System) as follows: amending subsection 21 of Section II; amending paragraph (c) of Subsection 2 of Section IV; amending subsection 3 of Section V; amending Subsections 3, 4 and 8 of Section VII; further amending Section VII by adding thereto new subsections 9, 10 and 11 to authorize the governing board of said System to make valuation increases in future payments on certain current service annuities and prior service annuities; and authorizing reduction (and restoration) of monthly payments and an annuity at request of the person entitled to such payment; and amending subsections 3, 4 and 5 of Section XVIII of said act; declaring this act to be severable; and declaring an emergency.

S.B. 544 by Jones of Taylor

Human Resources

Relating to the protection of the quality of human life, health, safety, and general welfare of county residents by the enactment of county ordinances; providing penalties; and declaring an emergency.

S.B. 545 by Adams

Administration

Conveying 3.69 miles of the Texas State Railroad to the City of Palestine, with the income from the property to be paid to the Parks and Wildlife Department; making provisions relative to the transfer and operation of the property; providing for reversion of the title to the State of Texas under certain conditions; abolishing the Board of Managers of the Texas State Railroad; transferring the powers and duties of the Board of Managers of the Texas State Railroad to the Railroad Commission of Texas; and declaring an emergency.

S.B. 546 by Andujar

Human Resources

Amending Chapter 67, Section 1 and 2, Acts of the 59th Legislature, Regular Session, 1965, as amended (codified as Articles 5547-201 to 5547-204, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), to add new subsections to Section 2.12 of Article 5547-202 providing that the Commissioner shall appoint the head of each facility and institution of the Department, with the approval of the Board; providing that the heads of certain facilities shall be physicians; further providing that the head of each facility and institution shall serve at the pleasure of the Commissioner; repealing Article 3184, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes; and declaring an emergency.

S.B. 547 by Ogg

Natural Resources

Relating to the amount to which members of the Texas Water Quality Board are entitled while engaged in authorized business of the board; and amending Chapter 21.026, Texas Water Code, as amended.

S.B. 548 by Brooks

Human Resources

Relating to a report by the State Department of Public Welfare or its successor agency on alternate care programs and their effect on nursing care costs under medical assistance programs.

S.C.R. 36 by Aikin, Clower

State Affairs

Designating a committee to select a Poet Laureate of the State of Texas.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

House Chamber
February 9, 1977

Honorable William P. Hobby
President of the Senate

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

H.B. 164, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to open season for hunting quail in Chambers County; amending Subsection (a), Section 136.032, Parks and Wildlife Code.

H.B. 292, Relating to the disposal of confiscated game fish; amending Section 12.110, Parks and Wildlife Code.

H.B. 388, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the open season for quail in Cottle and King counties; providing a penalty; amending Section 151.002, Parks and Wildlife Code; adding a Subchapter C to Chapter 235, Parks and Wildlife Code.

H.B. 95, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to authority to close certain medical facilities owned by a county; amending Article 4478, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended; and declaring an emergency.

H.B. 330, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to fishing licenses for residents of facilities of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation; amending Section 46.003, Parks and Wildlife Code; and declaring an emergency.

Respectfully submitted,
BETTY MURRAY, Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING

The following bills received from the House, were read the first time and referred to the Committee indicated:

H.B. 95, To Committee on State Affairs.
H.B. 330, To Committee on Natural Resources.
H.B. 164, To Committee on Natural Resources.
H.B. 292, To Committee on Natural Resources.
H.B. 388, To Committee on Natural Resources.

PRESENTATION OF GUEST

The President recognized Senator Ogg who introduced Wilson Whitley to the Members of the Senate.

Mr. Whitley, a member of the University of Houston Cougar Football Team, and winner of the 1976 Lombardi Award, was presented with an enrolled copy of Senate Resolution 131.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following Message from the Governor was read and was referred to the Committee on State Affairs, Sub-Committee on Nominations:

Austin, Texas
February 9, 1977

**TO THE SENATE OF THE SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, REGULAR
SESSION:**

I ask the advice, consent and confirmation of the Senate with respect to the following appointment:

To be a Member of the Board of Directors of the NUECES RIVER AUTHORITY: For a six-year term to expire February 1, 1979: Mr. Joe E. Briscoe of Devine, Medina County is replacing Mr. Albert Ivy of Carrizo Springs, Dimmit County who resigned.

Respectfully submitted,
DOLPH BRISCOE
Governor of Texas

SENATE BILL 527 REREFERRED

On motion of Senator Jones of Taylor and by unanimous consent, **S.B. 527** was withdrawn from the Committee on Jurisprudence and rereferred to the Committee on Economic Development.

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Senator McKnight gave Notice that he would move for an Executive Session at 11:00 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

CO-AUTHOR OF SENATE BILL 72

On motion of Senator Lombardino and by unanimous consent, Senator Williams will be shown as Co-author of **S.B. 72**.

CO-AUTHORS OF SENATE BILL 140

On motion of Senator Santiesteban and by unanimous consent, Senators Traeger and Truan will be shown as Co-authors of **S.B. 140**.

**MOTION TO PLACE
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1 ON
SECOND READING**

Senator Creighton moved that Senate Rules 12 and 89 and Section 5 of Article III of the State Constitution be suspended and that **C.S.S.J.R. 1** be taken up for consideration at this time:

C.S.S.J.R. 1, Proposing an amendment to Article VIII, Section 1-d, of the Texas Constitution, to authorize separate appraisal formulas to promote preservation of land devoted to farm, ranch and forest purposes.

The motion was lost by the following vote (Not receiving four-fifths vote of the Members of the Senate): Yeas 23, Nays 5, Present-Not Voting 3.

Yeas: Aikin, Andujar, Clower, Creighton, Farabee, Hance, Harris, Jones of Harris, Jones of Taylor, Kothmann, Lombardino, McKnight, Meier, Mengden, Moore, Ogg, Patman, Santiesteban, Schwartz, Sherman, Snelson, Traeger, Williams.

Nays: Adams, Braecklein, Doggett, Mauzy, Truan.

Present-Not Voting: Brooks, Longoria, Parker.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 400 ON SECOND READING

Senator Doggett moved that Senate Rules 12 and 89 and Section 5 of Article III of the State Constitution be suspended and that C.S.S.B. 400 be taken up for consideration at this time:

C.S.S.B. 400, Relating to regulation of monopolies, contracts, combinations, or conspiracies in restraint of trade or commerce; providing penalties; amending Sections 15.01, 15.02, 15.04, and 15.33, Business & Commerce Code, as amended, and adding Sections 15.07, 15.35 and 15.36.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 4.

Yeas: Adams, Aikin, Andujar, Braecklein, Brooks, Clower, Doggett, Hance, Harris, Jones of Harris, Kothmann, Lombardino, Longoria, Mauzy, McKnight, Meier, Ogg, Parker, Patman, Santiesteban, Schwartz, Sherman, Snelson, Traeger, Truan, Williams.

Nays: Creighton, Farabee, Jones of Taylor, Mengden.

Absent: Moore.

The President laid the bill before the Senate on its second reading and passage to engrossment.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Doggett offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend **C.S.S.B. 400** by striking the language in paragraph (a) and (b) at page 4, line 17 and substituting therefor the following; and relettering the other paragraphs accordingly:

“(a) A person who is injured or threatened with injury as a result of an act or practice prohibited under this chapter by private counsel may sue for damages or seek to enjoin the prohibited act or practice by way of a temporary restraining order or injunction, or both.

“(b) The state or a political subdivision of the state which is injured or threatened with injury as a result of an act or practice prohibited under this chapter may sue for damages or to enjoin the prohibited act or practice by way of a temporary restraining order or injunction, or both.

“(c) A plaintiff who obtains a judgment in a suit for damages under Subsection (a) or (b) of this section shall be awarded three times the amount of actual damages.”

The amendment was read and was adopted.

Senator Doggett offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Section 2 of **C.S.S.B. 400** by amending Section 15.07 to read as follows:

“Section 15.07. Application to the Business of Insurance and Transportation. This code may not be construed as:

“(a) Repealing, superseding, modifying, or limiting the authority of the State Board of Insurance or the Railroad Commission of Texas; and no action, conduct, or agreement of any person that is directed, ordered, or required by the State Board of Insurance, the Railroad Commission of Texas or the laws of this State regulating insurance or transportation by motor carrier, motor bus company or railroad shall be deemed in violation of this code; or

“(b) Prohibiting persons from associating together to persuade or to petition or to influence the State Board of Insurance or the Railroad Commission of Texas.”

The amendment was read and was adopted.

Senator Farabee offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend **C.S.S.B. 400**, Section 15.35, sub-section (b) by striking the word “shall” and substituting in lieu thereof the word “may”.

The amendment was read.

Senator Doggett moved to table the amendment.

The motion was lost by the following vote: Yeas 14, Nays 16.

Yeas: Braecklein, Brooks, Clower, Doggett, Jones of Harris, Kothmann, Longoria, Mauzy, McKnight, Parker, Patman, Schwartz, Truan, Williams.

Nays: Adams, Aikin, Andujar, Creighton, Farabee, Hance, Harris, Jones of Taylor, Lombardino, Meier, Mengden, Ogg, Santiesteban, Sherman, Snelson, Traeger.

Absent: Moore.

The amendment was then adopted by the following vote: Yeas 18, Nays 12.

Yeas: Adams, Aikin, Andujar, Clower, Creighton, Farabee, Hance, Harris, Jones of Taylor, Lombardino, McKnight, Meier, Mengden, Ogg, Santiesteban, Sherman, Snelson, Traeger.

Nays: Braecklein, Brooks, Doggett, Jones of Harris, Kothmann, Longoria, Mauzy, Parker, Patman, Schwartz, Truan, Williams.

Absent: Moore.

Senator Mengden offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend the committee substitute for **S.B. No. 400** as follows:

- (1) On Page 4, line 5, strike "15.35, and 15.36" and substitute "and 15.35".
- (2) Strike the quoted Sections 15.35 and 15.36 in Section 2 and substitute the following:

"Sec. 15.35. ATTORNEY GENERAL ENFORCEMENT. (a) The attorney general may bring suit to:

"(1) recover damages for injury to the state of a political subdivision of the state as a result of violations of this chapter; or

"(2) seek temporary or permanent relief to restrain or prevent violations of the provisions of this chapter; or

"(3) seek temporary or permanent relief to require action reasonably necessary to restore or preserve competition in the trade or commerce affected by a violation of this chapter.

"(b) If the state or a political subdivision of the state obtains judgment for damages under this section, it shall be awarded three times the amount of actual damages."

The amendment was read.

On motion of Senator Doggett the amendment was tabled by the following vote: Yeas 21, Nays 9.

Yeas: Adams, Aikin, Braecklein, Brooks, Clower, Doggett, Jones of Harris, Kothmann, Lombardino, Longoria, Mauzy, McKnight, Meier, Ogg, Parker, Patman, Santiesteban, Schwartz, Sherman, Truan, Williams.

Nays: Andujar, Creighton, Farabee, Hance, Harris, Jones of Taylor, Mengden, Snelson, Traeger.

Absent: Moore.

Senator Mengden offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend the committee substitute for **S.B. No. 400** by adding a new subsection (b) to the quoted Section 15.35 in Section 2, and relettering the existing Subsection (b) and following subsections accordingly, to read as follows:

"(b) A person who brings suit under Subsection (a) of this section shall post a bond, in an amount set by the judge, sufficient to cover costs of suit and reasonable attorneys fees that may be incurred by the defendant in the defense of the claim."

The amendment was read.

On motion of Senator Doggett the amendment was tabled by the following vote: Yeas 22, Nays 9.

Yeas: Aikin, Braecklein, Brooks, Clower, Doggett, Farabee, Jones of Harris, Kothmann, Longoria, Mauzy, McKnight, Meier, Moore, Ogg, Parker, Patman, Santiesteban, Schwartz, Sherman, Snelson, Truan, Williams.

Nays: Adams, Andujar, Creighton, Hance, Harris, Jones of Taylor, Lombardino, Mengden, Traeger.

Senator Jones of Taylor offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend **C.S.S.B. 400** by striking lines 31 through 45 on page one and line 14 on page 3 of the Senate printing.

The amendment was read.

On motion of Senator Jones of Harris the amendment was tabled by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Yeas: Adams, Aikin, Andujar, Braecklein, Brooks, Clower, Creighton, Doggett, Farabee, Hance, Harris, Jones of Harris, Kothmann, Lombardino, Longoria, Mauzy, McKnight, Meier, Moore, Ogg, Parker, Patman, Santiesteban, Schwartz, Sherman, Snelson, Traeger, Truan, Williams.

Nays: Jones of Taylor, Mengden.

Senator Jones of Harris offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend **C.S.S.B. 400** as follows:

Amend page 1 by deleting lines 31 through the end of the sentence on line 43 (Business and Commerce Code, Section 15.01[4]) and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

(4) 'Discriminatory boycott' means the entering into and carrying out of any agreement, understanding, or contractual arrangement, express or implied, for economic benefit, between any person and another person, foreign government, foreign person, or international organization, which agreement, understanding, or contractual arrangement is not specifically authorized by the law of the United States and which agreement, understanding, or contractual arrangement, either directly or indirectly, requires either person, foreign government, foreign person, or international organization to restrict, condition, prohibit or interfere with any other business relationship on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin or on the basis of the direct or indirect support for any foreign country or government. Subsection (4) of this Section becomes effective on January 1, 1978, or earlier if provided by federal law.

Amend page 2, line 59 (Section 15.04[a]) by inserting the word "or" after the word "boycott," and before the word "contract".

Amend page 3, line 14 (Section 15.04[d]) by deleting the word "shall" and substituting the word "may" in lieu thereof.

Amend page 3, line 24 (Section 15.33[a]) by inserting the word "a" after the word "monopoly," and before the word "contract".

Amend page 3, line 25 (Section 15.33[a]) by inserting the word "a" after the word "or" and before the word "discriminatory".

Amend page 3, line 35 (Section 15.33[b][1]) by deleting the word "a" after the word "or" and before the word "discriminatory".

Amend page 3, line 36 (Section 15.33[b][1]) by deleting the word "prohibited" and substituting the word "defined" in lieu thereof.

Amend page 3, line 45 (Section 15.33[c]) by inserting the word "a" at the beginning of the line and before the word "contract".

Amend page 3, line 46 (Section 15.33[c]) by inserting the word "a" after the word "or" and before the word "discriminatory"; and by deleting the word "prohibited" and substituting the word "defined" in lieu thereof.

Amend page 3, line 48 (Section 15.33[c]) by inserting the word "the" after the word "monopoly," and before the word "contract".

Amend page 3, line 49 (Section 15.33[c]) by inserting the words "or the discriminatory boycott" at the end of the line after the word "trade".

Amend page 3, line 53 (Section 15.33[c][2]) by inserting the word "a" after the word "monopoly," and before the word "contract".

Amend page 3, line 54 (Section 15.33[c][2]) by inserting the word "a" after the words "trade or" and before the word "discriminatory".

Amend page 3, line 55 (Section 15.33[c][2]) by inserting the words "as defined" after the word "boycott" and before the word "in".

Amend page 4, line 3 (Section 15.33[e]) by inserting the word "a" after the word "or" and before the word "discriminatory".

Amend page 4, line 1 (Section 15.33[e]) by deleting the word "or" where it appears after the word "monopoly," and before the word "contract".

The amendment was read.

Senator Mengden offered the following amendment to the pending amendment:

Amend the amendment to **C.S.S.B. 400** by adding the words "labor organization" in between the words, "person" and "foreign government" wherever they appear in subsection (4), quoted Section 15.01, of Section 1.

The amendment to the pending amendment was read.

On motion of Senator Schwartz the amendment to the pending amendment was tabled by the following vote: Yeas 22, Nays 8.

Yeas: Aikin, Braecklein, Brooks, Clower, Doggett, Hance, Jones of Harris, Kothmann, Lombardino, Longoria, Mauzy, Meier, Ogg, Parker, Patman, Santiesteban, Schwartz, Sherman, Snelson, Traeger, Truan, Williams.

Nays: Adams, Andujar, Creighton, Farabee, Harris, Jones of Taylor, McKnight, Mengden.

Absent: Moore.

The amendment by Senator Jones of Harris was then adopted.

RECORD OF VOTE

Senator Mengden asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on the adoption of the amendment.

On motion of Senator Doggett and by unanimous consent, the caption was amended to conform to the body of the bill as amended.

The bill as amended was passed to engrossment.

RECORD OF VOTE

Senator Mengden asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on the passage of the bill to engrossment.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 400 ON THIRD READING

Senator Doggett moved that the Constitutional Rule and Senate Rule 68 requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that **C.S.S.B. 400** be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5.

Yeas: Adams, Aikin, Andujar, Braecklein, Brooks, Clower, Doggett, Hance, Jones of Harris, Kothmann, Lombardino, Longoria, Mauzy, McKnight, Meier, Moore, Ogg, Parker, Patman, Santiesteban, Schwartz, Sherman, Snelson, Traeger, Truan, Williams.

Nays: Creighton, Farabee, Harris, Jones of Taylor, Mengden.

The President then laid the bill before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

Yeas: Adams, Aikin, Andujar, Braecklein, Brooks, Clower, Doggett, Farabee, Hance, Jones of Harris, Kothmann, Lombardino, Longoria, Mauzy, McKnight, Meier, Moore, Ogg, Parker, Patman, Santiesteban, Schwartz, Sherman, Snelson, Traeger, Truan, Williams.

Nays: Creighton, Harris, Jones of Taylor, Mengden.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

S.R. 151 - by Adams: Memorial resolution for Ira S. Bean.

S.R. 154 - by Snelson: Memorial resolution for Eleanor Fox Black.

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

S.R. 147 - by Jones of Taylor: Extending welcome to Big Purple Band of Abilene Christian University.

S.R. 148 - by McKnight: Extending congratulations to Major Glen B Warner.

S.R. 149 - by Jones of Taylor: Extending congratulations to Johnny Jones.

S.R. 150 - by Jones of Taylor: Extending congratulations to E. J. "Bert" Weatherby.

S.R. 152 - by Doggett: Extending welcome to students from Blanton Sixth Grade Center in Austin.

S.R. 153 - by Ogg: Extending congratulations to 1976 Kashmere High School Rams Football Team.

S.R. 155 - by Snelson: Extending congratulations to W. K. "Bill" Ramsey.

S.R. 156 - by Snelson: Extending congratulations to E. F. (Trip) Triplett.

S.R. 157 - by Clower: Extending welcome to H. Grady Spruce High School Government Students of Pleasant Grove.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Senator Aikin the Senate at 12:12 o'clock p.m. adjourned until 10:30 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

SEVENTEENTH DAY

(Thursday, February 10, 1977)

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present: Aikin, Andujar, Braecklein, Brooks, Clower, Creighton, Doggett, Farabee, Hance, Harris, Jones of Harris, Jones of Taylor, Kothmann, Lombardino, Longoria, Mauzy, McKnight, Meier, Mengden, Moore, Ogg, Parker, Patman, Santiesteban, Schwartz, Sherman, Snelson, Traeger, Truan, Williams.

Absent-excused: Adams.

A quorum was announced present.

Dr. Ray Chester, Brentwood Church of Christ, Austin, offered the invocation as follows:

Almighty God, as we unite in prayer for Thy blessings upon the members of this body, we know that Thou art lovingly concerned with each one. Bless the Senators with good health and the good sense to preserve it. Bless their families. May no anxiety or concern keep any of them from doing their best work as they conduct the people's business. Help all of us to make wise choices and proper use of our time.

We acknowledge a preference for quick and easy answers. We like our instant coffee, instant credit, instant news, and inwardly we pine for instant resolution of all the ills that plague our world.

Help us O God to learn from Thee, who art never in a hurry, yet never late. Bless us with Thy poise, Thy persistence, and Thy peace. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

On motion of Senator Aikin and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.